

UNLESS A BANK IS MORE THAN A MERE COMMERCIAL MACHINE

Unless it is more than simply an institution for paying dividends to stockholders; unless it is imbued with a real spirit of public service and a desire to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE AND UP-BUILDING FORCE** in the community—then it is falling far short of what a bank should be.

While this bank, like all banks, must be operated for profit, it does not for a moment lose of its higher duties to its customers and to the public.

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CUT AND DRIED PLOT TO AID CARRANZA

Mexican President's Strength Apparently on the Wane.

PLANS TO RALLY PEOPLE

Washington, Sept. 7.—Announcement in Mexico City newspapers that Gen. Juan Barragan, Mexican chief of staff, has discovered a plot to assassinate President Carranza is believed by officials here to be another

part of the movement by the inner circle of Carranza's office holders to win support of their chief among the Mexican people. There have been many evidences in the past few weeks of Carranza's weakening power, it is said, in some quarters here and recently Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury and Gen. Barragan have been particularly active in their efforts to maintain Carranza's strength. Stories of the imminence of American intervention and of plots against Car-

ranza have been carefully circulated throughout Mexico, it is said, with a view to impelling the Mexican people to ally to the support of the government.

The text of Gen. Barragan's latest alleged discovery of a conspiracy follows:

"Information has been received in the Presidency that a high official of the electric company of Orizaba has left or will shortly leave, for England on behalf of the reactionaries and trusts, bearing documents against Mexican Government in order to bring pressure from the Allies toward intervention in the United States. In the event of failure in this attempt will be made on the life of President Carranza with a view to bringing about anarchy in Mexico which shall determine the action of the Americans toward intervention."

Why Suffer?

Mrs. J. A. Cox, of Anderson, W. Va., writes: "My daughter... suffered terribly. She could not turn in bed... the doctors gave her up, and we brought her home to die. She had suffered so much at... time. Having heard of Cardui, we got it for her."

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The Woman's Tonic

"In a few days, she began to improve," Mrs. Cox continues, "and had no trouble at... Cardui cured her, and we sing its praises everywhere. We receive many thousands of similar letters every year, telling of the good Cardui has done for women who suffer from complaints so common to their sex. It should do you good, too. Try Cardui. F-77"

McPHAIL FOUND GUILTY

Bamberg, Sept. 4.—In the Court of General Sessions this afternoon the jury in the case of the State against W. L. McPhail brought in a verdict of manslaughter. McPhail has not yet been sentenced and it is understood that a motion for a new trial will be argued before Judge Wilson some time during the week.

This case has attracted wide attention throughout this section. McPhail was charged with the murder of H. Whilden Walker, a well-known citizen of the county, in the town of Midway in the fall of 1916. The case was tried soon thereafter, resulting in a mistrial.

The evidence in the case showed that Walker, McPhail, a negro named Elliott Glover and Walker's wife, now Mrs. Hays, were present at the time of the killing in Midway. McPhail was alleged to have been under the influence of whiskey at the time. McPhail denied firing the fatal shot, while Walker's wife testified positively that he did. McPhail is a well-known citizen of the county.

This afternoon the case of the State against P. J. Coleman and C. A. Rector, charged with the killing of Alex Stevens, a negro was started. Rector and Coleman are revenue officers. In company with two State constables they made a raid on Stevens at his home several months ago. Stevens is alleged to have scuffled with Rector and Coleman, who were in the house, while the State constables were outside. The scuffling continued after Stevens and the officers had jumped or fallen out of a window, and Stevens was shot and killed outside in the yard. The case has not yet been concluded. A still was found on the place.

Eight defendants have pleaded guilty in the court to violation of the prohibition law. All were sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 or serve six months on the public works, except one of the defendants, who was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve three months. One of the defendants is a white man. Several have paid the fines.

The case of Ozelle Anderson is scheduled for trial during the present term, though it is not at all likely that the court will be able to dispose of all cases, and this case along with others, may be continued. Anderson is implicated in the Denmark affair in which three persons were killed and several others wounded.

AMERICAN SOLDIER KILLED BY GERMANS

Two Soldiers Fired Upon While Deer Hunting.

HUNS BLAME AMERICANS

Claim Hunters Fired Upon Patrol—American Says Germans Fired First.

Coblenz, Saturday, Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Private Reass Madsen, of Sacramento, Cal., was shot and instantly killed today by German soldiers in the neutral zone about a mile from the boundary of the Coblenz bridgehead.

Madsen and Private Bert Balsinger, of the Eight infantry, who had been on outpost duty, were deer hunting when they encountered a German patrol of thirteen soldiers. According to Balsinger, the Germans began firing without asking an explanation as to why the two Americans were in the neutral zone.

Balsinger told the American authorities that when he and Madsen encountered the Germans he was several yards ahead of Madsen. Balsinger said he dropped his rifle as soon as he saw the Germans who a second afterwards began to shoot at Madsen. The Germans contend that Madsen fired at them. Balsinger declared that the Germans fired first and that if Madsen had fired he did not see him shoot or hear the shot.

Balsinger was taken prisoner by the Germans and later turned over to the American provost marshal, Major George Cockrell, and brought to Coblenz.

MURDERED AND ROBBED

Camden, Sept. 6.—George Gladden, a seventy-year-old white man, was waylaid and murdered early Wednesday morning as he was going to his work at the Wateree power dam in West Wateree, and his body was robbed of a considerable sum of money.

He is known to have carried a large sum of money with him at all times and his relatives state that he was relieved of around fifteen hundred dollars by the murderer. The crime occurred just before daylight on a byroad leading to the Hardaway Company's works, and two negroes following close behind Mr. Gladden state that they saw the revolver flashes and could hear the murderer as he

WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

Need Help to Pass the Crisis Safely—Proof that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Can be Relied Upon.

Urbana, Ill.—"During Change of Life, in addition to its annoying symptoms, I had an attack of grippe which lasted all winter and left me in a weakened condition. I felt at times that I would never be well again. I read of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and what it did for women passing through the Change of Life, so I told my doctor I would try it. I soon began gain in strength and the annoying symptoms disappeared and your Vegetable Compound has made me a well, strong woman so I do all my own housework. I cannot recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound too highly to women passing through the Change of Life."—Mrs. FRANK HENSON, 1316 S. Orchard St., Urbana, Ill.

Women who suffer from nervousness, "heat flashes," backache, headaches and "the blues" should try this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

made his way through the woods. The assassin evidently sat beside the road and awaited his victim. Three shots were fired two taking effect, one passing through the body, entering from the back, causing instant death.

Melton Banks, a white man who worked alongside of the old man at the Hardaway works, was arrested soon after the crime was committed as being a suspect.

TO FLY ABOUT HIS RANCHES

Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 6.—Harry J. Hiles, a stock raiser, today purchased two airplanes, one for his personal use in riding over his ranches, and a larger one for the use of his family. Hiles owns one ranch of 7,000 acres and a number of smaller ones. He says his plane can be made to do the work of three ranch superintendents in looking after his stock. Hiles teach himself and family to fly.

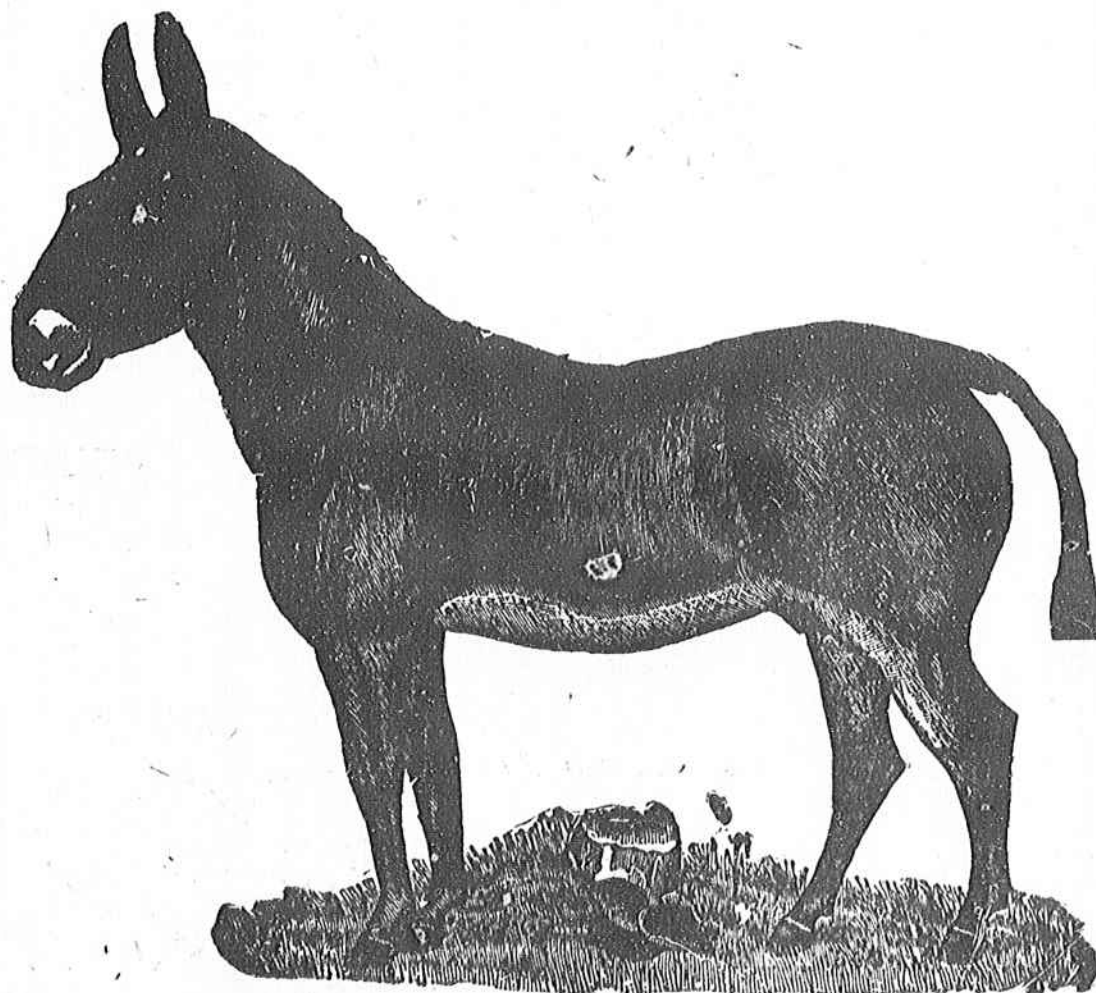
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